

**CONTROL OF INTER-ZONE/INTRA-ZONE RECOVERY USING IN-BAND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method of communicating information regarding a failure is disclosed. The method includes generating failure information. The failure affects a virtual path, which is between a first node and a second node. A first zone includes the first node, and a second zone includes the second node. The failure information can include, for example, a zone identifier and/or an action code.

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